

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

JOE L. AMERSON,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

PRESIDENT, FIDELITY  
INVESTMENT, CO.,  
Defendant.

Case No. 1:13-cv-918

Black, J.  
Bowman, M.J.

**REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* brought in connection with a motion to remove his case to federal court. (Doc. 1). Mr. Amerson is a plaintiff in a state court action in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. *See Amerson v. Unknown President of Fidelity Investment*, Case No. A1209748 (filed Dec. 20, 2012).

Removal of civil actions is governed by 28 U.S.C. § 1441. Section 1441 provides, "[A]ny civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending." 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a). Because Mr. Amerson is the plaintiff in the state court action he may not remove his case from state to federal court. *See Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp. v. Sheets*, 313 U.S. 100, 104 (1941).

Accordingly, Mr. Amerson's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and his motion to remove his case to federal court should be denied.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:**

1. Mr. Amersons's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and motion to remove his case to federal court (Doc. 1) be **DENIED**.

2. The Clerk of Court be **DIRECTED** to forward a copy of any Order adopting this Report and Recommendation to the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts.

s/ Stephanie K. Bowman  
Stephanie K. Bowman  
United States Magistrate Judge

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